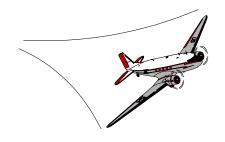
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INTRODUCTION

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) alerts you, an owner or operator of **APEX Aircraft (Avions Pierre Robin) model R 2160 or R 3000** aircraft, that APEX has issued Service Bulletin No. 020310, dated June 03, 2002. This Service Bulletin is written to alert owners/operators that APEX recommends replacement of certain engine oil lines. The Direction Generale De L'Aviation Civile (DGAC), France, has determined that these oil lines are not fire resistant and therefore not compliant with the applicable airworthiness regulations.

BACKGROUND

The DGAC, France, has issued their Airworthiness Directive (AD) 2002-322(A), dated June 26, 2002, advising French registered owners/operators of APEX Models R2160 and R3000 series airplanes that certain oil lines installed on these airplanes are not fire resistant and therefore not compliant with the applicable airworthiness regulations. The French AD references APEX Aircraft Service Bulletin No. 020310, dated June 03, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that you accomplish the actions and instructions given in APEX Aircraft Service Bulletin No. 020310, dated June 03, 2002, as soon as possible.

This Service Bulletin can be obtained from: APEX Aircraft, 9, rue de l'Aviation, 21121, Darois-France

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